

# MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## Wednesday, June 21, 2006

1. Membership meeting called to order by President Lois Kirkup at 12:04 p.m.
2. **Adoption of Agenda**  
M/ by Terry Garner to approve the agenda. S/ by Brian Shore. CARRIED.
3. **Adoption of Minutes**  
M/ by Don Smith to adopt the Minutes of the March 22, 2006 General Membership Meeting.  
S/ by Gord Holder. CARRIED.
4. **President's Report**
  - (a) Executive activity since last general meeting:  
Lois Kirkup reported it has been reasonably quiet since the last Guild membership meeting. We are keeping an eye on editorial activity on the CanWest website and the extra workload it might be creating with editors and reporters having to file breaking news stories to the website. A member asked about the advertorials sections being written by staff members for CanWest national. Lois said there are lots of concerns raised on the TNG Canada CanWest caucus conference calls about the advertorials, but we are happy the work is being done by Guild members. These issues will be discussed further at the executive meeting. There are jurisdictional questions and we'll need feedback from the members. Lois advised there is currently a discipline letter grievance filed on behalf of a member in RS&S and that a standing committee meeting should be held in the next couple of days to discuss this grievance further.  
There is an agreement pending between TNG Canada and CWA giving Canada more financial autonomy, but we would still be part of TNG and under the TNG and CWA constitutions etc. Lois said there would likely be a referendum in the fall. Lois advised she will be running for the TNG Canada Eastern Vice-President position and the nomination would take place in July at the TNG Sector Conference.  
The CJOH unit (CTV Ottawa) has an unresolved grievance concerning the Good Morning Canada host position. The CJOH contract expires December 31, 2006 and the GMC host position could be a bargaining issue.  
The collective agreement at DLR expired in November 2005 and bargaining for the new contract is still ongoing but the Guild feels that some of the company proposals are getting out of hand.
  - (b) Presentation of 25-year TNG Pins: Citizen members listed below were not in

attendance and pins will be presented to them later.

- Michael O'Byrne - CJOH (CTV Ottawa) - *presented at CJOH*
- Jack Aubry - Citizen/Editorial Dept.
- Wayne Cuddington - Citizen/Editorial/Photo Dept.
- Jacquie Miller - Citizen/Editorial Dept.
- Laura Robin - Citizen/Editorial Dept.

5. **Financial Report**

(a) **Update** - Financial Report: Gord Holder presented the financial report to May 31, 2006 which is two-thirds through this fiscal year. He advised that dues revenues are slightly under budget to this point, but this is not a concern as the dues remittances can vary some month's depending on the number of pay periods in the month. Gord reported that the Guild General Fund expenses are generally in line with the budget estimates. In the Defence Fund, the value of the long term investments is \$1,221,066.05, and at this time, the market value is still slightly above the book value. The ONG investments are strip bonds which the Guild usually holds to maturity to get the full value of the investments.

6. **Unit Reports**

- (a) **CJOH (CTV Ottawa)** - see President's report
- (b) **DLR International** - see President's report
- (c) **Ottawa Citizen** - Lois Kirkup reported that the security issues for a night-time RS&S member have been satisfactorily resolved. Advised that vehicle use policy info is being re-circulated concerning personal and business use of vehicles and that a new handbook is supposedly in the works.

7. **New Business**

- (a) Election of Member-a-Large (one vacant position): No nominations.

8. **Adjournment**

M/ by Gord Holder to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. S/ by Claude L'Ecuyer. CARRIED.

9. **Citizen Unit Meeting**

No business requiring a meeting.